

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **06 January 2009**, Examiner reviewed claims 1, 11, 30, 32 and 56-84. Examiner rejected claims 75, 77-81, and 83-84 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hendel (U.S. Pub.No. 2004/0120332, hereinafter “Hendel”), and Pekkala (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0085493, hereinafter “Pekkala”). Examiner allowed claims 1, 11, 30, 32, 56, 67, and 72. Examiner objected to claim 76 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner objected to claim 76 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but indicated the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 75 (the base claim) to include the limitations of claim 76. Applicant has cancelled claim 76 without prejudice. No new matter was added.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 30, 32, 56, 67, 72, and 75 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that dependent claims which depend upon these independent claims are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.
Such action is respectfully requested.

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